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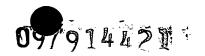
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| Inventive Step (IS)           | Claims | NONE | YE |
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International application No

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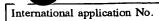
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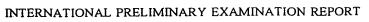
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| Novelty (N)  | Claims  | NONE  |   |  |  |  |
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| Inventive Step (IS)  | Claims  | NONE  |   | YES  |  |  |
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| Inventive Step (IS)   | Claims         | 1-41  | YES |  |  |
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| Industrial Applicability (IA)   | Claims         | 1-41  | YES |  |  |
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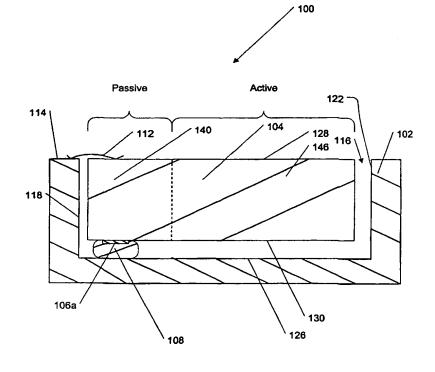
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A system for resiliently attaching a mass to a package includes a mass (104), a housing (102), resilient couplings (108) for resiliently attaching the mass to the housing.



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| 1 | 1. | An apparatus, comprising:  |
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| 2 |    | a package;   |
| 3 |    | a mass coupled to the package; and                                     |
| 4 |    | one or more resilient couplings for attaching the mass to the          |
| 5 |    | package.   |
| 1 | 2. | A method of coupling a mass to a package, comprising:                  |
| 1 | ۷. | A method of coupling a mass to a package, comprising:                  |
| 2 |    | resiliently attaching the mass to the package at one or more different |
| 3 |    | locations.   |

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